



Approved (12/5/18)

SerVermont Commission Meeting

14 May 2018

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Oak Conference Room, Waterbury State Office Complex

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May 14, 2018 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Waterbury State Office Complex - Waterbury, VT

Members in Attendance, Christy Gallese, Dan Noyes, Bob McCabe, Kate Larose, Megan McKeever, Benji Thurber, Betsy Ward, Guy Isabelle, Nicole Whalen, Susan Cheesman

Members in Attendance via Phone: Jason Gosselin

Staff in Attendance: Philip Kolling, Robyn Baylor, Sharon Hearne

Public in Attendance: Delano Hunter, Pamela Weinberg, Charice Williams (all from Serve DC)

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approve Minutes

March 2018/ Motion to approve, Guy, 2nd Betsy, all in favor

- Public Comment - None
- Policy Review

Withholding - Recommended for commissions to do this. 2% withholding, allowed to retain from program expenditures, currently have training budget to cover what this funding funds - Motion to approve, Guy, 2nd Nicole, all in favor

Policy Review MSY Utilization - current year enrollment review, add modifier to current policy? Change the language to state "At the discretion of the commission, based upon the situation and circumstances surrounding the low MSY utilization, this policy MAY be waived after approval from the appeals process to avoid unexpected...." Motion to approve - Christy 2nd Guy, all in favor.

Appeals policy - Christy and Betsy will submit a draft process for review

- New Data
- Partners and Plans: Activities and Updates

VISTA Update - Filled 24 slots, up to 38 slots to fill for next year (2 filled so far). Most new positions are in opiates, 11 members across the state to connect treatment providers with housing

Program Officer Update - Program Officer came from D.C. did on site visit to ReSource and CEDO, went well. Mid year progress report - all programs on track. Gearing up for end of year site visits, stay tuned for emails, Commissioners please attend

CNCS Update - Retention rule changes to 85%, pre-enrollment now required, all member positions posted online.

OIG Audit - Ongoing, follow up questions at it relates to match

Day of Recognition for National Service - Highly successful, shared with Senior Corps, also Governor's Service Awards. We will convene a committee shortly to start planning for next year.

ASC Regional Conference - 8 program staff went.

- AmeriCorps Funding Discussion -
 - Motion to accept any and all competitive funding from CNCS. Motion to approve Nicole, 2nd Christy, all in favor, motion carries.
 - Discuss options for Formula
 - What is the guiding philosophy? To increase opportunities to serve in VT
 - Could pre-approve funding if all waitlist programs get funding.
 - Program Committee - will fine tune the details and share with the rest of the Commission for a vote.
 - Betsy Motioned for the Program committee to make the decision on funding and will send to the Board for ratification Nicole 2nd - approved
 - Program Committee - Megan, Christy, Betsy, Guy, Nicole, Sharon
- State Service Plan - 3 year state service plan, 2016-2018, involves public input process, this will start at the member conference this week. A committee will start this work.
- Upcoming Events
 - End of Service Conference - May 16-17
 - Tri-State National Service Conference - May 22-23
 - Disaster Services Training - June 4-7
 - Site Visits - June (Sharon will send out)
 - Special Commission Meeting?
 - Next "regular" commission meeting - September 20: Kaira Esgate from ASC
- Adjourn at 2:40 p.m., motioned by Guy, 2nd Betsy, all in favor